

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 20: ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC
GENESIS 22:1-18

After these things God decided to test Abraham's faith. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Yes!" Then God said, "Take your son to the land of Moriah and kill your son there as a sacrifice for me. This must be Isaac, your only son, the one you love. Use him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there. I will tell you which mountain." In the morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took Isaac and two servants with him. He cut the wood for the sacrifice. Then they went to the place where God told them to go. After they traveled three days, Abraham looked up, and in the distance he saw the place where they were going. Then he said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go to that place and worship. Then we will come back to you later." Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and put it on his son's shoulder. Abraham took the special knife and fire. Then both he and his son went together to the place for worship. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" Abraham answered, "Here I am, my son." Isaac said, "I see the wood and the fire. But where is the lamb we will burn as a sacrifice?" Abraham answered, "God himself is providing the lamb for the sacrifice, my son." So both Abraham and his son went together to that place. When they came to the place where God told them to go, Abraham built an altar. He carefully laid the wood on the altar. Then he tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached for his knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD stopped him. The angel called from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham answered, "Yes?" The angel said, "Don't kill your son or hurt him in any way. Now I can see that you do respect and obey God. I see that you are ready to kill your son, your only son, for me." Then Abraham noticed a ram whose horns were caught in a bush. So Abraham went and took the ram. He offered it, instead of his son, as a sacrifice to God. So Abraham gave that place a name, Jehovajireh, which means "The LORD sees." Even today people say, "On the mountain of the LORD, he will give us what we need." The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time. The angel said, "You were ready to kill your only son for me. Since you did this for me, I make you this promise: I, the LORD, promise that I will surely bless you and give you as many descendants as the stars in the sky. There will be as many people as sand on the seashore. And your people will live in cities that they will take from their enemies. Every nation on the earth will be blessed through your descendants. I will do this because you obeyed me."

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"And Abraham named the son that was born to him by Sarah Isaac."

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MEMORY VERSE:

"By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac..." HEBREWS 11:17

Review Questions

True or False

1. God told Abraham, "Take your son, your only son Isaac; who you love, and go to the land of Moriah."
2. So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his servants with him, and Isaac his son, and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and went far away from where God told him to go.
3. After four days Abraham looked up and saw the place where they were going.
4. And Abraham said to the servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go to that place and worship, then we will come back to you later."
5. Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father!" and Abraham answered, 'Here I am, my son.' And Isaac said, "I see the wood for the fire, and the altar, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" and Abraham said, "God Himself will provide the lamb for the sacrifice, my son."
6. Abraham reached for his knife to kill his son but the angel of the Lord stopped him. The angel told Abraham not to kill or harm his son in any way.
7. The angel told Abraham that since he was ready to kill his only son for the Lord, that He would promise him two descendants because Abraham had two sons.

Questions

1. Did Abraham do what the Lord told him to do?
2. How many days did they travel before they came to the place of sacrifice?
3. What did Abraham do with Isaac?
4. Who stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac on the altar?
5. Where did the sacrifice come from? What was it?
6. What did the Lord promise Abraham that day?

Lesson 20 Activities

Puppet Son

Draw the outline of a puffy man (gingerbread type figure). Let the kids color and cut out the man. Tape a tongue depressor on the back. (You can also roll up a piece of copy paper and staple it to the back like a stick).

Ask if any of the children would like to receive a gift. Tell them that someone who loves his puppet and took great care to make it must give the puppet to you so that the whole class may have a gift. If someone who does not care about his puppet offers, then ask if it makes him a little sad to give up his puppet. If he says no, tell the class you will have to wait for someone who really likes his puppet.

Eventually you will get a taker. Pass out a gift (small prize) to each child. After the treats have been passed out, return the puppet to the child who gave it to you and explain that **faith surrenders all and waits on God. In our lesson today we saw** where Abraham gave to the Lord the most precious thing to him, his son.

Just a Cup of Water

Give the children paper cups and markers and stickers. Tell them they may decorate their cups, then you will give them a drink of water. Ask them as you pour if they really believed you would give them a drink. Explain that Abraham believed God would do what He said He would.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to surrender all to the Lord and wait on Him. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.